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August 2, 2012

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in regards to the proposed agreement between Verizon Wireless and four of the nation's leading cable companies - Comcast, Time Warner Cable, Cox, and Bright House Networks.

As you know, the proposed deal would allow for the above cable companies to offer a "quadruple play" of video, internet, voice, and wireless service and allow Verizon Wireless to purchase wireless spectrum from the companies in turn.


The 1996 Telecommunications Act speaks to the benefits of competition between cable and phone companies. I would ask you to consider whether the proposed agreement, as written, would endanger the benefits of competition which include, but are not limited to, fairer prices for consumers, diversity of product choices, and stable jobs.

Specifically, I want to make sure that the joint marketing agreements stipulated in the proposal in which both Verizon and the aforementioned cable companies will agree to promote and sell each other's products and services are fair to consumers and American workers.

Especially considering the national unemployment rate, I believe that each agency and department has a distinct duty to protect the public interest. I want to make sure that any business deal does not exacerbate our nation's current economic woes.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to each of your replies.

Sincerely,


Carolyn McCarthy
Member of Congress



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JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Carolyn McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman McCarthy:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about the proposed spectrum transfer and commercial agreements among CellCo Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Cox Communications, and SpectrumCo, LLC. I value your views and will ensure that your letter is included in the record of this proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

I can assure you that the Commission is undertaking a thorough, rigorous, and fact-based review, consistent with our statutory obligations under the Communications Act.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "JG", is written over the printed name Julius Genachowski.

Julius Genachowski